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1. SUMMARY: STANKO TODOROV, CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS OF BULGARIA MADE A TWO-DAY VISIT TO GDR.
COMMUNIQUE AND OFFICIAL STATEMENTS EMPHASIZED CLOSE
COOPERATION. A TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION, AND
MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WAS SIGNED. END SUMMARY.

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2. STANKO TODOROV HEADED A BULGARIAN DELEGATION TO
THE GDR JULY 14 AND 15 AS GUEST OF WILLI STOPH, CHAIRMAN
OF GDR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. OCCASION PROVIDED
OPPORTUNITY FOR EXTENSIVE PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. (NOTE
THAT HORST SINDERMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE VOLKSKAMMER,
MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT O BULGARIA 23-27 MAY.)

3. EMPHASIS IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE WAS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH REFERENCE TO SPECIALIZATION OF PRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALIST ECONOMIC COOPERATION. COMMUNIQUE ENDORSED THE WORK OF THE JOINT GDR-BULGARIAN COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

4. DURING COURSE OF VISIT, GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER UND BULGARIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MARIJ IVANOV INITIALED A NEW TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

5. FINAL COMMUNIQUE (ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS FULL TEXT) EMPHASIZED FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE USSR WITH SPECIAL BOW TO LEONID BREZHNEV FOR HIS "GREAT PERSONAL PART" IN CARRYING OUT THE CPSU'S PEACE PROGRAM. THE COMMUNIQUE CRITICIZES THE "EFFORTS OF REVANCHIST AND REACTIONARY FORCES OF IMPERIALISM TO FALSIFY THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES." COMMUNIQUE STRESSES STRICT OBSERVANCE AND FULL APPLICATION OF THE FOUR POWER BERLIN AGREEMENT. STOPH ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT BULGARIA.

6. COMMENT: TODOROV VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN
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AN ENTIRELY ROUTINE AND PREDICTABLE EXERCISE IN REAFFIRMING SCIALIST SOLIDARITY. FROM GDR PERSPECTIVE, TRIP CAN BE SEEN AS PART OF A PATTERN OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS WITHIN THE SOCIALIST CAMP COUPLED WITH RENEGOTIATION OF TREATIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. THE GDR-BULGARIAN AGREEMENT -- WHICH WE ASSUME WILL BE SIGNED WHEN HONECKER VISITS BULGARIA LATER THIS YEAR -- WILL BE THE FOURTH CONCLUDED THIS YEAR - THE OTHERS BEING WITH HUNGARY, POLAND AND MONGOLIA. OBJECTIVE FOR GDR IS TO GAIN MAXIMUM INTERNATIONAL SANDING THROUGH DEVELOPING A NETWORK OF TREATIES AND AT SAME TIME TO BRING EXISTING TREATIES INTO LINE WITH PRESENT CONDITIONS. POLANSKY

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